

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 243

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Lyle C. Ailshie of
Greeneville, for his selection as the Tennessee
Superintendent of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing
the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lyle C. Ailshie is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity and has performed his
duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, thereby warranting his selection as 2004
Superintendent of the Year by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, each year, nine worthy candidates for Superintendent of the Year are
selected by their peers from each district, and then judged by a panel composed of
superintendents, school board members, members of the State Department of Education, and
representatives from higher education, whose winner is announced during the Tennessee
Organization of School Superintendents Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ailshie is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works
assiduously to motivate students of Greeneville City to reach their full potential, both as scholars
and as citizens, and he has also been recognized by the American Association of School
Administrators; and

WHEREAS, a model student in his youth, Dr. Ailshie distinguished himself both
academically and athletically in high school as Student Body Vice President, winning All-state
honors in track, and serving as Captain of his basketball team before entering Francis Marion

College where he would make the Dean's List and while earning a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a minor in Biology in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ailshie commenced his professional teaching career in 1982, gaining experience in nearly all aspects of education through teaching at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels as well as in higher education; his two years experience as a TSSAA basketball official and his tenure as a coach in middle and secondary schools have supplemented his acute understanding of effective educational administration; and

WHEREAS, as he advanced in his career, Lyle Ailshie never failed to remember the immense value of education or neglected to include its pursuit in his personal experience; in 1984, he earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from East Tennessee State University and, in 1996, he earned a Doctor of Education Degree from the same institution, which he notably completed with a 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, this talented educator has worked in numerous capacities and excelled in each of them; before becoming Superintendent, he worked as a fifth and sixth grade interim teacher and coach at Mosheim Elementary School, as an Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Morristown-Hamblen High School West, and as an Adjunct Professor in the College of Education at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ailshie began his career with the Greeneville City School System in 1995 as the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, supervising curriculum development, school improvement plans and professional development, and since that time he has earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, and peers alike for the unsurpassed quality of his service; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, he was appointed Director of Greeneville City Schools; during his tenure, he has provided capable and invaluable leadership to this district of seven schools, 407 employees, and 2,674 students; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional educator has long been recognized by his peers and students for his incomparable excellence; his many honors and accolades include Leadership Greene County, Bell South Exemplary Superintendent Training, First Tennessee District

Nominee for State Superintendent of the Year, and the 2004 Tennessee Superintendent of the Year awarded by the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents; and

WHEREAS, known throughout his community and his profession as a leader of the highest merit, Dr. Ailshie has provided astute guidance to numerous education-oriented organizations, such as the Cedar Creek Learning Center Advisory Board, the East Tennessee State University Education Advisory Council, and the Tennessee Department of Education Curriculum Mapping Advisory Committee Board of Directors, the Greene County Partnership Board of Directors, and the Greeneville City Education Association; and

WHEREAS, he also served as 2002 General Campaign Chair and as a member of the Greene County United Way Board, as a member of both the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence and the First Tennessee Bank Local Advisory Boards; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Lyle Ailshie is devoted to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community, and he is most grateful for the deep love and companionship he has shared with his loving family; and

WHEREAS, appreciative of his many blessings, Dr. Ailshie selflessly shares his time and talents with the Mt. Hope United Methodist Church community where he has faithfully served over the years as Past President of United Methodist Men, Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of the Bible School, and as a Delegate to the Holston Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, he has also devotedly served as former President and Vice President of Mohawk Community Christian Fellowship, in addition to providing his services as a United Methodist Certified Lay Speaker; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ailshie truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ailshie exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to education, community, and family that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and we thank him and express our pride in his representation of our great State in the National Superintendent of the Year Program at the 137th National Conference on Education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Dr. Lyle C. Ailshie, Superintendent of Greeneville
City Schools, on being named 2004 Superintendent of the Year, commend his exceptional
service to the youth of Greeneville and Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and
remarkable diligence and devotion, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for every continued
success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.